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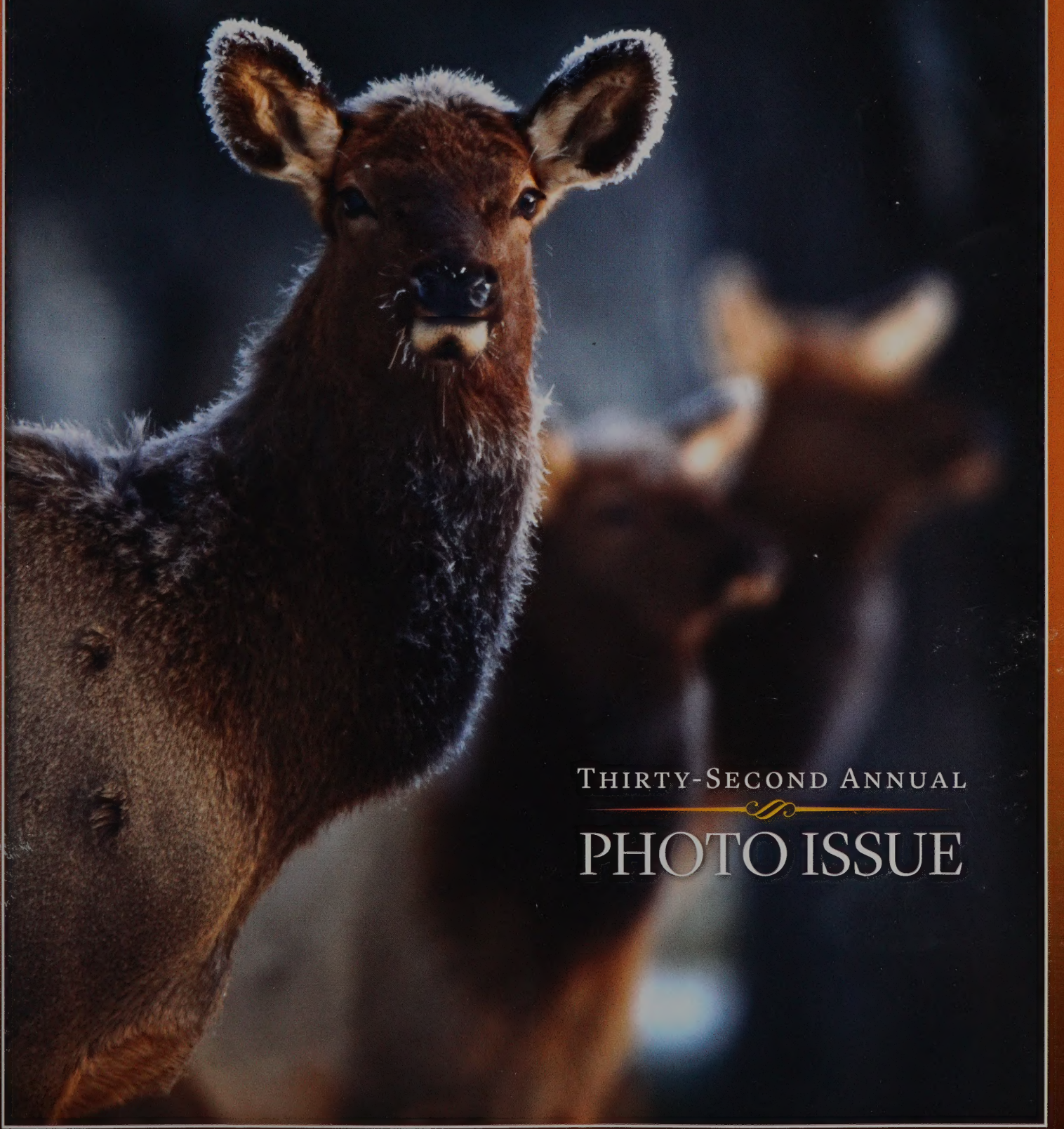

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I feel like the guy who has to deliver sobering news to the guests right before a party.

The party in this case is the magazine in your hand, our 32nd annual photo issue. Many readers tell us they look forward to the issue as an essential part of their holiday season celebrations. They love sharing with family and friends this annual showcase of Montana's best wildlife and landscape photography. As one reader wrote: "Your photography edition is the highlight of my year."

And that's just the photo issue. The rest of the magazine receives high praise, too. This past summer we were proud to learn that *Montana Outdoors* was awarded first place in the magazine category by the National Association of Government Communicators. The publication also received a first place magazine article award from the NAGC, as well as two first place article awards and the second place magazine award from the Association for Conservation Information.

Trophies and plaques don't mean much, however, if we can't pay our printing, postage, and other bills. And that's where the sobering news comes in:

Starting this year, we must increase our annual subscription rate from $9 to $12.

It's the first time we've raised the price since 1997. During the past 16 years, printing and especially postage costs have steadily grown. Though we've lowered production costs with computer technology and smarter ways of doing business, those efforts staved off the inevitable for only so long. We have no other option but to raise the price by $3 per year.

As was the case in 1997, we may lose some subscribers over the rate increase. But we're hoping that, like before, the vast majority of readers understand our need to nudge up the price and will continue to consider *Montana Outdoors* a vital part of their Montana lifestyle—not to mention a great deal even at the new rate.

Whew. There, I've said it. Now let's get back to the party.

—Editor

TONY BYNUM
Above: Whitetail buck against an orange sky

DENNIS J. LINGOHR
Right: Eastern (blue) racer

NELSON KENTER
Cover: Cow elk on a winter morning

WARD M. THURMAN
Above: Field crescent at Keyser Brown Lake, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

BECCA WOOD
Left: Detail of ring-necked pheasant rooster feathers

KENTON ROWE
Opposite page: Common poorwill, eastern Montana

RADD ICENOGGLE
Left: Pronghorn buck eyeing a doe, near Rattlesnake Creek

DEA VOGEL
Below: Pronghorn doe licking her newborn fawn, National Bison Range

NAME
Description

Clockwise from top left:

MARK JOHNSON
Magpies on a deer carcass

JASON SAVAGE
Sandhill cranes in mating dance

STEVEN GNAM
Mountain bluebird

JEFF VAN TINE
Lowry Lake, near Augusta

JASON SAVAGE
Red fox kits, near Cascade

Clockwise from top left:

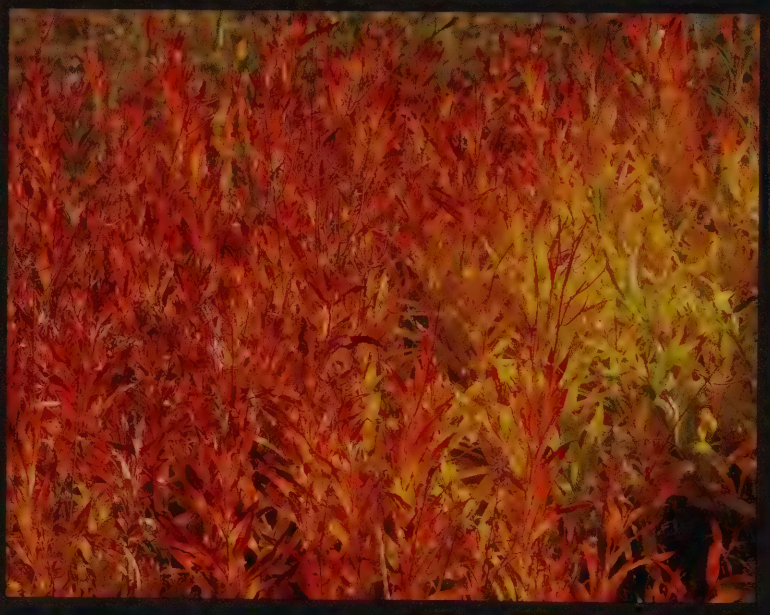
JON LEVASSEUR
Shooting stars

JEFF SATTLER
Strict (mountain) blue-eyed grass, Seeley Lake

KC GLASTETTER
Mountain lady's-slipper, Glacier National Park

VICKI CORREIA
Pasqueflowers

ELIZABETH CLAIRE ROSE
Flowering bitterroot,
near the Flathead River



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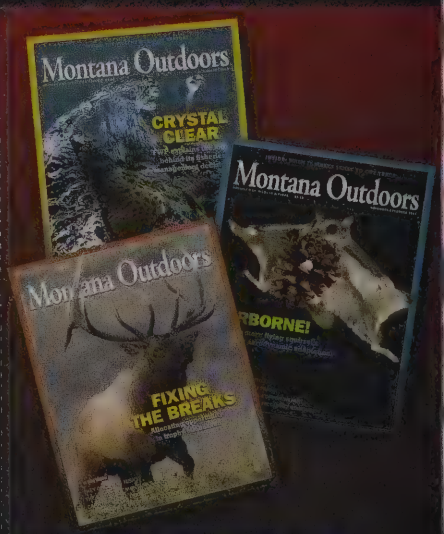

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Birch log and Norway maple leaf, Flathead Valley

PAUL N. QUENEAU
Two whitetail bucks in October

JON LEVASSEUR
Fireweed in fall

JOHN ASHLEY
Left: Bull moose browsing, Glacier National Park

COLLEEN KILBANE
Above: Moose family, near Red Lodge

KELLY S. MORRIS
Below: Moose peering into a fenced yard at Deep Creek, near Townsend

JEREMIE HOLLMAN
Top: Yaak Mountain Fire Lookout

KENTON ROWE
Above: Medicine Rocks illuminated

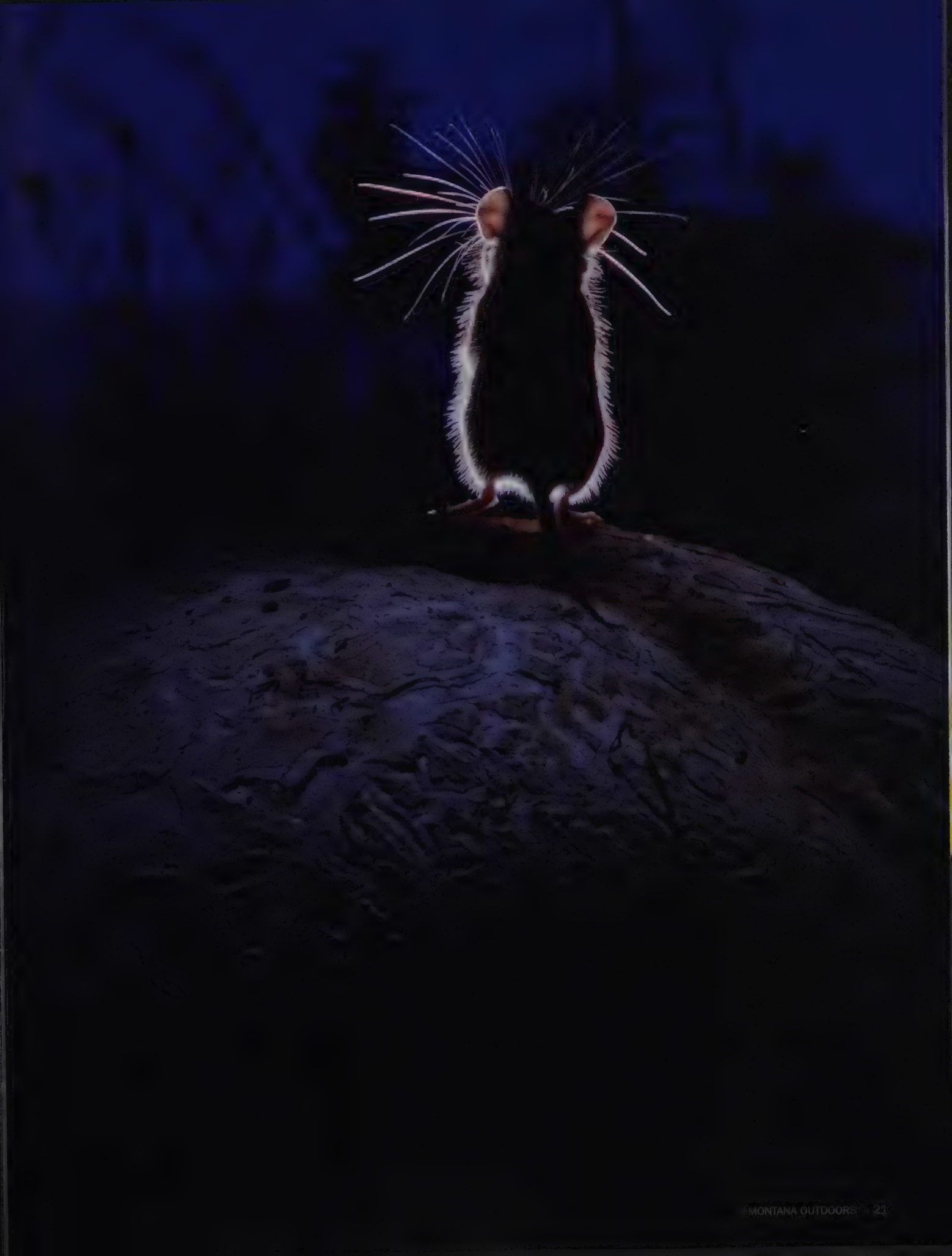
PATRICK COTE
Setting out goose decoys at dawn
in corn stubble, near Corvallis

JEFF VAN TINE
Top: Spotted tussock moth caterpillar

JOHN JURACEK
Above: Lichen-covered boulder in a small stream

ZACK CLOTHIER
Right: Water in a boulder reflecting the Crazy Mountains, at Cottonwood Lake

ALEX BADYAEV
Deer mouse atop a gigantic puffball mushroom at moonrise, Upsata Lake, Blackfoot Valley



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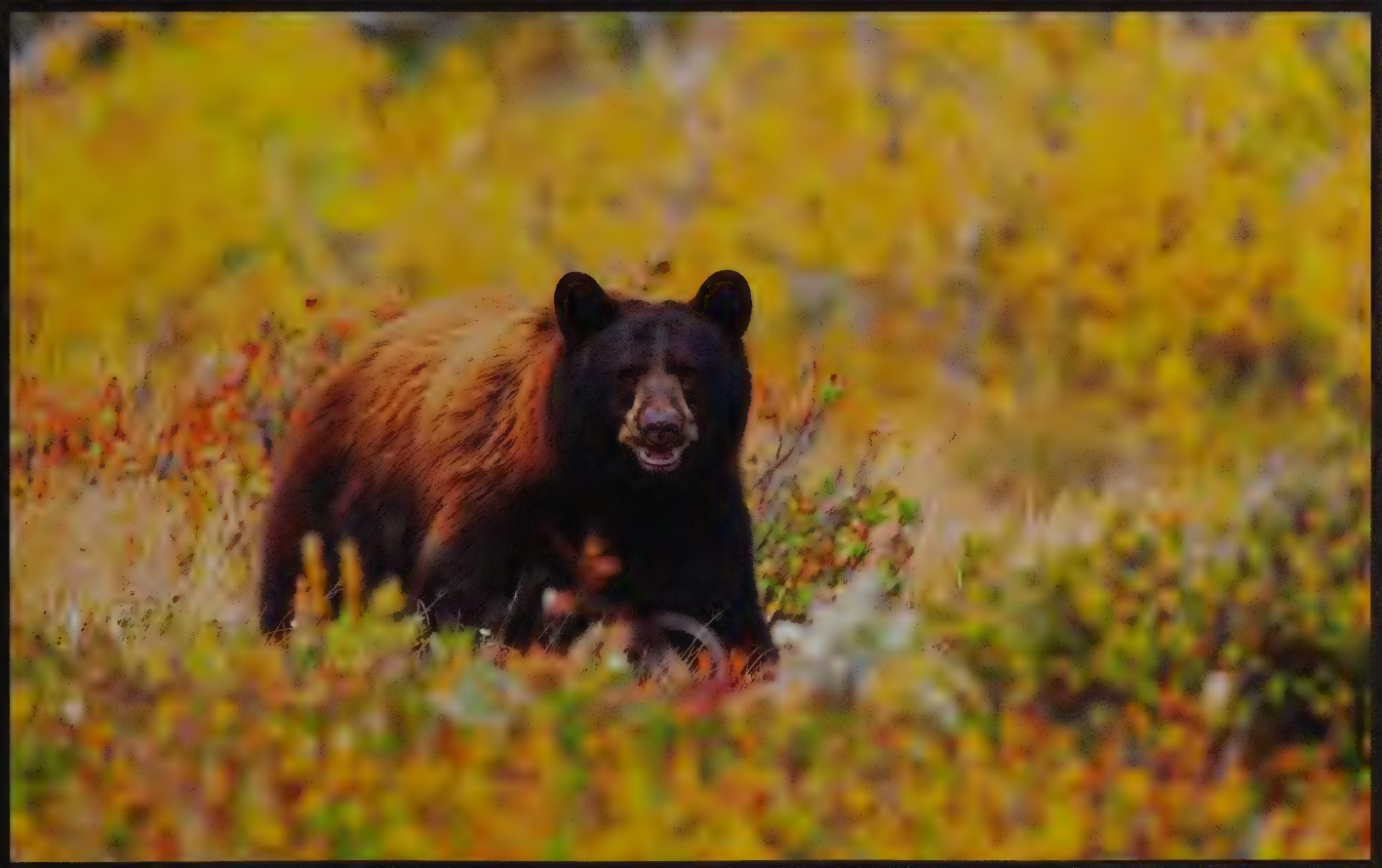
ALAN G. NELSON
Varied thrush

KERRY T. NICKOU
Calf Robe Mountain, Clark Range, Glacier National Park

JASON SAVAGE
Black bear in fall, Glacier National Park

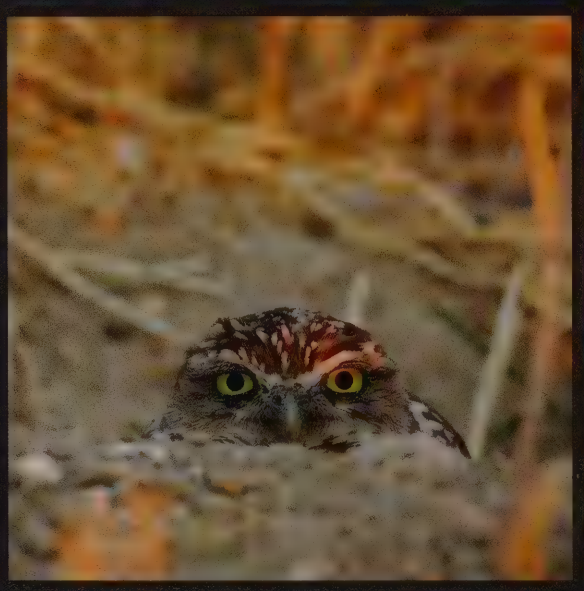
DAVID SYLVESTER
Arrowleaf balsamroot and lupine at Blodgett Canyon, Bitterroot Range



ROBERT J. WESELMANN
Right: Cow elk playing at Slippery Ann Wildlife Viewing Area, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

STEVE MITCHELL
Below: Bugling bull elk, National Bison Range

VICTOR SCHENDEL
Elk calf altercation



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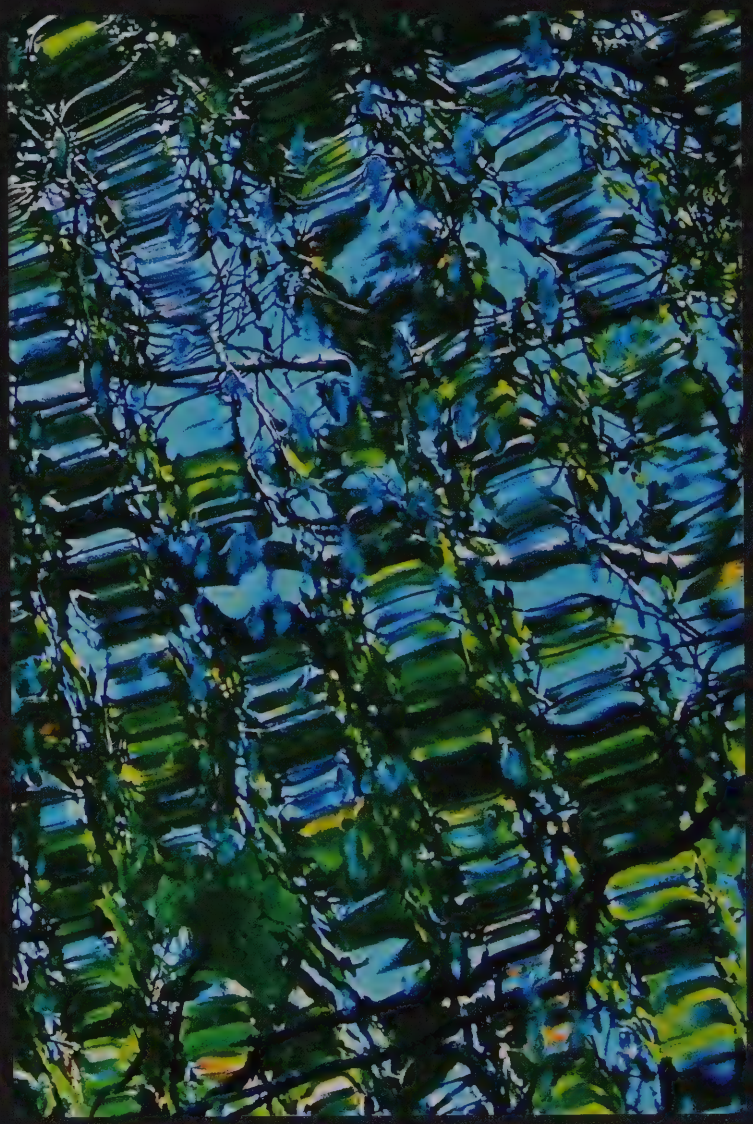
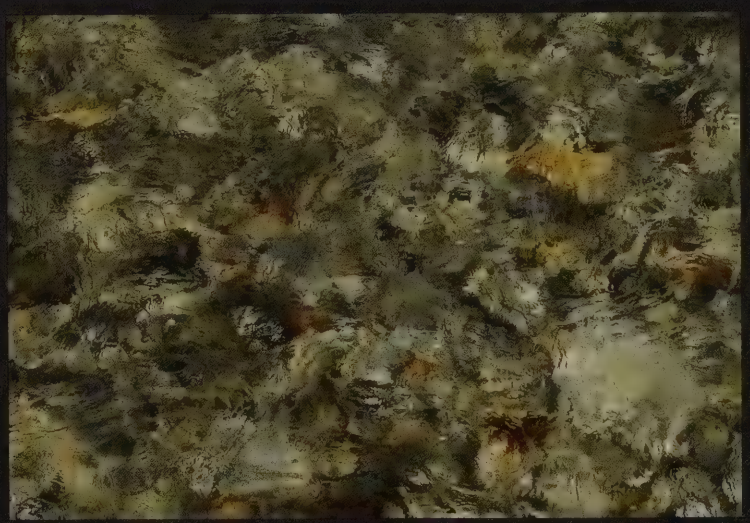
CHUCK HANEY
Bears Paw Mountains

MONA DOEBLER
Mule deer fawn, near Hinsdale

SHAWN T. STEWART
Killdeer chick

KARL KRIEGER
Burrowing owl, near Three Forks





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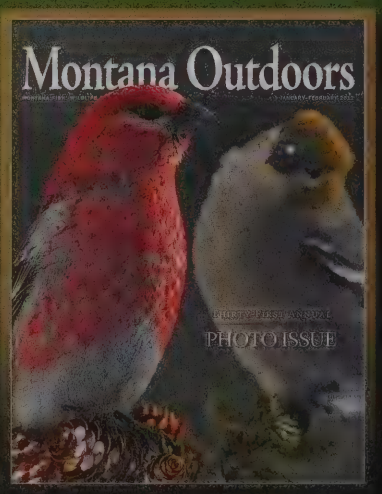

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RON HOFF
Tree leaves and branches reflected in waves

JOHN ASHLEY
Arctic grayling swimming upstream,
western Montana tributary

BILL MARSIK
River reflection below the confluence of the
North and Middle Forks of the Teton River

ZACK CLOTHEIR
Inside a snow cave on Swiftcurrent Pass, Glacier National Park

WILLIAM GARY
Midday infrared photograph of a creek feeding Hyalite Reservoir, near Bozeman

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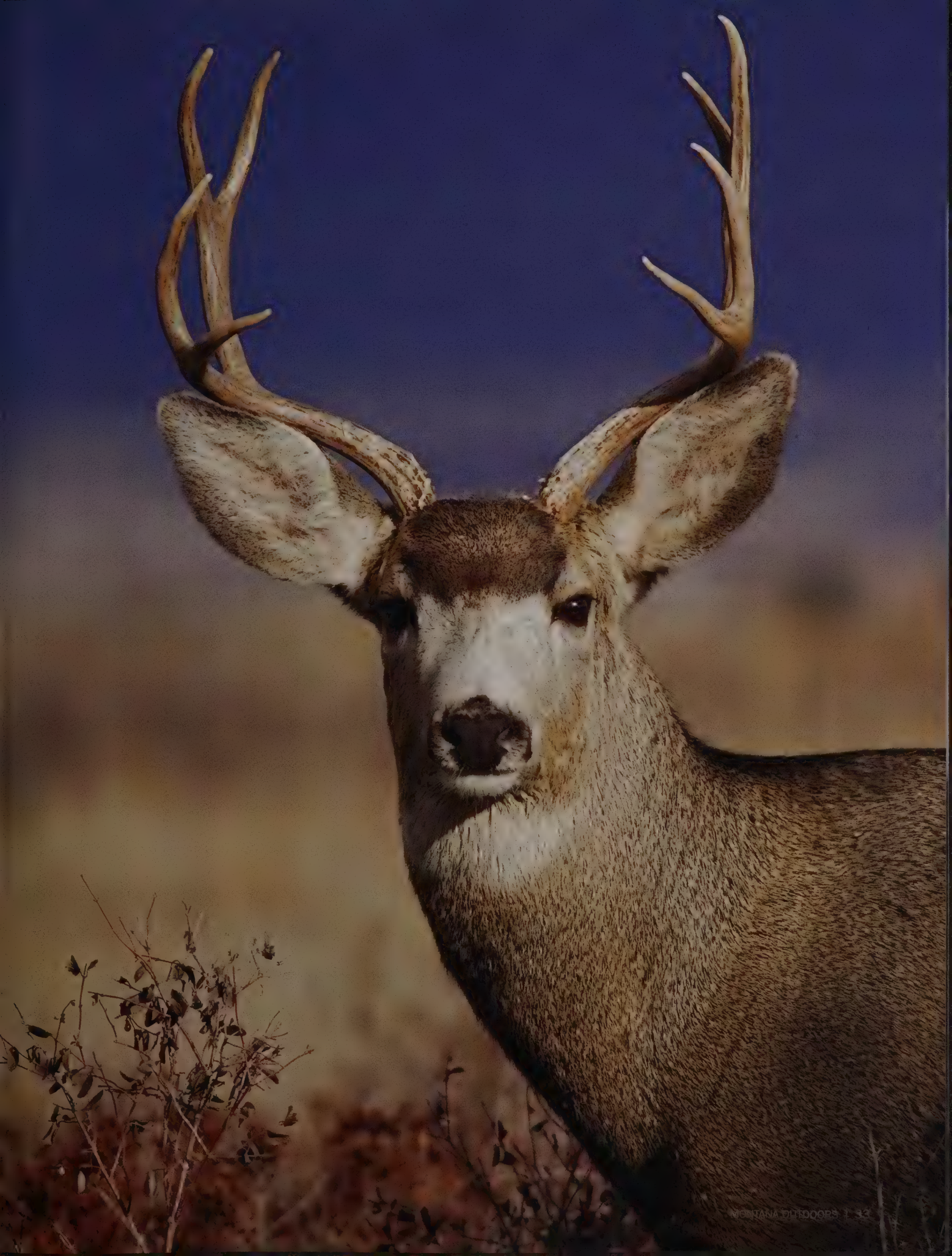
CHRIS AUCH
Bachelor group of whitetail bucks, near Corvallis

TOM REICHNER
Mule deer buck, National Bison Range

GARY KRAMER
Mule deer buck



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DONALD M. JONES
Common redpoll

DIANA LEVASSEUR
Dark-eyed (Oregon) junco

PATRICK J. CHAPLIN
Pileated woodpecker

MARK LAGERSTROM
Western tanager

Clockwise from top left:

GLENN PHILLIPS
Western meadowlark

ANDREW KANDEL
Lazuli bunting

W. STEVE SHERMAN
White-breasted nuthatch

DALE C. SPARTAS
Western bluebird

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ELIZABETH CLAIRE ROSE
Fall leaves on moss in a cedar forest, Mission Mountains

ZACK CLOTHIER
View from behind Apex Falls, in Hyalite Canyon near Bozeman

DAN TAYLOR
Mushrooms and leaves on a forest floor

SUMIO HARADA
Right: Pine marten on a lichen-covered log

JOHN JURACEK
Below: Quaking aspen in fall at Fir Ridge, Gallatin County

ALEX BADYAEV
Two beavers trying to topple a
Douglas fir, Blackfoot River Valley

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KEVIN R. FREDENBERG
Bald eagle soaring, near Thompson Falls

CRAIG & LIZ LARCOM
Canada geese flying over the Marias River, near Chester

COLLEEN KILBANE
Mountain goats

JOHN LAMBING
Sandstone cliffs and fall colors along the Tongue River, near Ashland

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ELIZABETH MOORE
Snowy owl on a lichen-covered boulder

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